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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **QATAR'S ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS THE AU COMMISSION**

**Addis Ababa, 27 May 2015:** Today, 27 May 2015, the State of Qatar's Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Mutib Al Rumaihi, paid a visit to the African Union (AU) Commission, Peace and Security Department, where he met with the AU Director for Peace and Security, Mr. El Ghassim Wane. The Assistant Minister was accompanied by the State of Qatar's Ambassador to Ethiopia and to the AU Abdulaziz Sultan Alrumahi, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar.

The two sides exchanged views on peace and security issues in the Horn of Africa region, in general, including the situations in Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan, as well as the AU's efforts aimed at addressing them. They also exchanged views on possible areas of collaboration in the area of combating international terrorism and violent extremism. As such, the main purpose of the meeting was to find possible areas of collaboration and coordination of efforts between the African Union and the State of Qatar.

The Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar expressed his country's wish to further strengthen its relationship with the AU. In this regard, the two exchanged views on the best ways and means of institutionalizing the partnership.

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